



Memo

To: Whitsons Valued School Nutrition Clients and Customers
From: Holly Von Seggern
Date: March 30, 2009
Re: Peanut Butter Hold Update

Beginning January 19, Whitsons issued a temporary hold on all products containing peanut butter or peanut paste, as a precautionary response to a recall by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA).

After carefully monitoring the continuing FDA investigation of PCA peanut products, we have determined that it is now appropriate to reintroduce peanut butter on a limited scale in our School Nutrition Programs that have not already been declared peanut free. Effective immediately, we are resuming the use of only the approved peanut butter secured either through the USDA Commodity program or purchased through Whitsons' approved vendors. These approved brands have been cleared for use as they do not contain any PCA peanut products.

We wish to thank you for your continued patience throughout the FDA's investigation. We know our customers miss their snack products containing peanuts and we look forward, as you do, to seeing the FDA's investigation and its subsequent recalls concluded in the near future.

We also encourage our customers to keep informed on the latest product recalls directly by visiting the following link on the FDA's website:

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html>

This website provides the latest information as the recalls are posted and is your best assurance that the peanut foods you may have at home continue to be safe for you and your families' consumption.